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2 An act relating to the organizational structure of the
3 Department of Environmental Protection; amending s.
4 20.255, F.S.; establishing the Office of the Secretary
5 within the department; authorizing the Secretary of
6 Environmental Protection to establish offices within
7 the office or within the department's divisions to
8 promote the efficient and effective operation of the
9 department; providing for the secretary to appoint a
10 general counsel; removing the required establishment
11 of certain offices; establishing the Division of Water
12 Restoration Assistance within the department;
13 providing an effective date.
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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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17 Section 1. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 20.255,
18 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

19 20.255 Department of Environmental Protection.—There is
20 created a Department of Environmental Protection.

21 (2) (a) There shall be three deputy secretaries who are ~~to~~
22 ~~be~~ appointed by and ~~shall~~ serve at the pleasure of the
23 secretary. The secretary may assign any deputy secretary the
24 responsibility to supervise, coordinate, and formulate policy
25 for any division, office, or district.

26 (b) The Office of the Secretary is established. The

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27 secretary may establish offices within the Office of the
 28 Secretary or within the divisions established under subsection
 29 (3) to promote the efficient and effective operation of the
 30 department.

31 (c) The secretary shall appoint a general counsel who is
 32 directly responsible to and serves at the pleasure of the
 33 secretary. The general counsel is responsible for all legal
 34 matters of the department ~~The following special offices are~~
 35 ~~established and headed by managers, each of whom is to be~~
 36 ~~appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the secretary:~~

- 37 ~~1. Office of Chief of Staff;~~
- 38 ~~2. Office of General Counsel;~~
- 39 ~~3. Office of Inspector General;~~
- 40 ~~4. Office of External Affairs;~~
- 41 ~~5. Office of Legislative Affairs;~~
- 42 ~~6. Office of Intergovernmental Programs; and~~
- 43 ~~7. Office of Greenways and Trails.~~
- 44 ~~8. Office of Emergency Response.~~

45 (d) ~~(b)~~ There shall be six administrative districts
 46 involved in regulatory matters of waste management, water
 47 resource management, wetlands, and air resources, which shall be
 48 headed by managers, each of whom shall ~~is to~~ be appointed by and
 49 serves ~~serve~~ at the pleasure of the secretary. Divisions of the
 50 department may have one assistant or two deputy division
 51 directors, as required to facilitate effective operation.

52 (e) The directors ~~managers~~ of all divisions, and the

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53 managers of all offices and ~~specifically named in this section~~
54 ~~and the directors of the six administrative districts,~~ are
55 exempt from part II of chapter 110 and are included in the
56 Senior Management Service in accordance with s. 110.205(2)(j).

57 (3) The following divisions of the Department of
58 Environmental Protection are established:

59 (a) Division of Administrative Services.

60 (b) Division of Air Resource Management.

61 (c) Division of Water Resource Management.

62 (d) Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration.

63 (e) Division of Waste Management.

64 (f) Division of Recreation and Parks.

65 (g) Division of State Lands, the director of which is ~~to~~
66 ~~be~~ appointed by the secretary of the department, subject to
67 confirmation by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Board of
68 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

69 (h) Division of Water Restoration Assistance.

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71 In order to ensure statewide and intradepartmental consistency,
72 the department's divisions shall direct the district offices and
73 bureaus on matters of interpretation and applicability of the
74 department's rules and programs.

75 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.